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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges the issuance of a Final Office Action dated May 6, 2003, setting a shortened statutory period for response of 3 months (response due by August 6, 2003). As this Request for Reconsideration is being filed today, July 7, 2003, by facsimile to (703) 872-9311 within a two-month response period (July 6 being a Sunday), no additional fees are required.

In responding to the Final Office Action, Applicant has used the amendment format as permitted under the revised amendment format waiver of 37 C.F.R. §1.121. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejection in light of the following comments and amendments.

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